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1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton	State
Mr. Fletcher	State
Lt. Col. Kiel	Army
Cdr. Howell	Navy
Lt. Col. Rogers	Navy
Major Rush	Air Force
	CIA
	CIA (Chairman)

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3. Members were informed by the Chairman that O/SI, Chapter Coordinator for NIS Chapter VII (Scientific), had, with several very minor changes to which the Chairman agreed, concurred in the final draft of the Outline and Outline Guide for Chapter VII as approved by the NIS Committee at the meeting of 10 October 1950. The minor changes were pointed out and accepted by the NIS Committee. The finally approved drafts will be reproduced and distributed immediately.

4. The proposal for the allocation of production responsibility for the preparation of Chapter VII (copies of which were distributed at the last meeting) was then discussed. The Committee agreed that the primary responsibility for the production of Section 70 rested with O/SI, and that this primary responsibility carried with it the obligation to produce those portions of the section which O/SI was best qualified to produce and which transcended the capabilities of individual agencies. It was further agreed that the allocation of production responsibility provides for "joint assistance" in the preparation of Section 70, which places a responsibility upon the agencies to provide contributions to this section in those fields in which they have dominant interest and special capabilities. With this interpretation, the Committee approved the following allocation of production responsibility for the preparation of NIS Chapter VII:

Chapter VII (Scientific)

(CIA - Chapter Coordinator)

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Section 70 (Introduction)	CIA - Scientific Resources Division (with joint assistance)
Section 71 (Electronics)	JEIC
Section 72 (Aircraft & Weapons)	CIA - Weapons Division (with joint assistance)
Section 73 (Atomic Energy)	JAEIC
Section 74 (Biological Warfare <u>[BW]</u>)	JBWIC
Section 75 (Chemical Warfare <u>[CW]</u>)	JCWIC
Section 76 (Miscellaneous)	CIA - S/PP (with joint assistance)

5. In connection with the revision of the FY 1951 production schedule, for which proposals are now in preparation, it was decided that all sections that had been returned from D/NIS for major revision by the producer should be rescheduled with definite resubmission dates in the new FY 1951 schedule.

6. A State proposal that a notice be placed on the NIS Chapter covers welcoming comments from users on the adequacy or deficiencies of the material and suggestions for improvement was submitted to the members for consideration. It was decided to take the matter under study and the Chairman undertook to draft a notice of a definitive nature for consideration at the next meeting.

7. The Chairman announced that it was his intention to keep the members informed of the NIS disseminated to Non-Defense Agencies. Accordingly, notice was given that security clearance had been given by I&SS (CIA), and dissemination of ~~unauthorized~~ NIS elements/~~to~~ Non-Defense Agencies had been authorized as follows: /not specifically excluded from

AGENCY

NIS ELEMENT

ECA

NIS 41, Chapters III to VII inclusive, and Supplements I to IV inclusive.

Department of the Interior

All Areas - Chapters II, III, IV and VI.

Treasury Department

All Areas - Chapter VI.

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8. Members were reminded that comments on the revised elements of the Standard Instructions are to be submitted by 15 November 1950, so that they may be considered by the Committee before authorization is given for the publication of these instructions in final printed form.

9. It was the consensus of the Committee that a change in the system of reporting qualitative adequacy of contributions received from the agencies, which was first discussed at NIS Committee Meeting No. 80 on 17 October 1950, *Item 1* was desirable. It was agreed that qualitative adequacy should be shown in three categories, such as, commendable, satisfactory, and unsatisfactory. It was further agreed that there should be a clear definition of these three categories and the Chairman undertook to provide such definitions for the consideration of the Committee at its next meeting.

10. The Committee took under consideration the advisability of transferring the Laccadive, Andaman, and Nicobar Islands, which are possessions of India, from NIS 63 (Indian Ocean Islands) to NIS 35 - Part II (Southern India), and the transfer of the Maldiv Islands, a Ceylon possession, from NIS 63 to NIS 37 (Ceylon). Members were requested to ascertain the views of their respective agencies and be prepared to discuss and decide the matter at the next meeting.

11. The Chairman requested the Navy member to check into reported inadequacies in NIS 65, Section 22, details of which had been furnished the Navy producing component, and inform the Chairman directly of his findings.

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13. The Chairman informed the Army member that the publication of a number of Chapter II sections for NIS 65, 67 and 68 were being held up awaiting the return to D/NIS of graphic material which had been sent back to the Army producing component for correction. The Army member stated that he would look into the matter with the view of having the corrected graphic material resubmitted to D/NIS at the earliest practicable date.

14. The attention of the Army member was called to what appeared to be a diversion of effort from scheduled NIS production to the production of unscheduled Sections 31 and 32 of NIS 42. The Army member will inform the Chairman directly of the reasons for producing these unscheduled NIS elements.

15. The Air Force member informed the Committee that the Director of Intelligence, USAF, had been requested by the Joint Meteorological Committee to arrange for the release of certain JANIS and NIS climatological studies to


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the NATO countries. The memorandum from the JMC explained that the request was directed to the Air Force as executive agent for the preparation of these studies. The Air Force member stated that he was bringing the matter to the attention of the Committee for such action as was deemed appropriate. It was agreed that the Committee should consider all aspects of the JMC request but before doing so it was considered necessary to determine the policies of the State-Defense Military Information Committee relative to release of intelligence materials to the NATO countries. The Air Force member undertook to obtain the information on the MIC policies and report thereon to the Committee, at which time the matter will be reopened.

16. The next meeting will be held at the call of the Chairman.

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